



GAU 2721 /
163 X 25
[10746/1]
RECEIVED
SEP 9 2000
TECHNICAL CENTER 2100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiro OTSUKA et al.

Serial No. : 09/164,682

Filed : October 1, 1998

Title : **METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR EXTRACTING
IMAGE FEATURES FROM IMAGE SEQUENCE**

Art Unit : 2721

Examiner : Shervin Nakhjavan

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope
addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington,
D.C. 20231, on

Date 9/7/2000 Atty's Reg. # 33,865

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty's Signature AARON C. DEDITCH

TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an
Amendment.

Please charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be \$450.00, to Deposit
Account No. **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or
credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this
transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Dated: 9/7/2000

Respectfully submitted,

By: [Signature]

Aaron C. Deditch
(Reg. No. 33,865)

KENYON & KENYON
One Broadway
New York, New York 10004
(212) 425-7200

B



RECEIVED
SERIAL 19 2000
[10746/1]
REC CENTER 2700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiro OTSUKA et al.
Serial No. : 09/164,682
Filed : October 1, 1998
Title : METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR EXTRACTING
IMAGE FEATURES FROM IMAGE SEQUENCE

#6/B
KD
9-21-00

Art Unit : 2721
Examiner : Shervin Nakhjavan

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

Date 9/7/2000 Atty's Reg. # 33,865

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty's Signature AARON C. DEDITCH

AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 58 to 82 as follows:

3.
58. (New) The method as claimed in claim ~~1~~¹, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.

9.
59. (New) The method as claimed in claim ~~1~~⁴, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.

13.
60. (New) The method as claimed in claim ~~1~~¹¹, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.

09/13/2000 SSITHIB1 00000110 110600 09164682

01 FC:103 450.00 CH

109

B